

Kīpuka`akihi Stewardship Project

Kahuku Unit, Hawaii Volcanoes National Park

2011 Upcoming Hike Dates:

Sunday, July 24 (10:00am – 3:00pm)
Saturday, August 27 (10:00am – 3:00pm)
Sunday, September 24 (10:00am – 3:00pm)
Sunday, October 23 (10:00am – 3:00pm)

- Join park rangers as they work to restore rare native forests in the Kahuku Unit of Hawaii Volcanoes National Park. Participants in this challenging hike will explore an isolated remnant of old-growth forest known as **Kīpuka`akihi**, and assist in the ongoing stewardship project by helping to remove invasive alien weeds. **Kīpuka`akihi** is a refuge for many rare plants and animals and offers a window into the past and a vision for the future as we continue to protect, conserve and restore some of the most remarkable places on earth.
- **Hiking into Kīpuka`akihi** is a strenuous 1½ mile trek. Wear sturdy hiking shoes and be ready to scramble over fallen trees, rough lava rock, and slippery rain forest terrain.
- Prepare for sunny, cool, or rainy conditions. Bring along water, brown bag lunch, garden gloves, mosquito repellent, and a backpack to store gear. Long pants and a camera are highly recommended.
- **Meet at Kahuku's gate located on** the mountain side of Hwy 11, between mile marker 70 and 71, **in the Ka'u** district. Look for **the "Hawaii Volcanoes NP, Kahuku"** sign which will be put up as an A-frame sign on the mountain side of road on hike days. Due to the fragile nature of this refuge, this program is limited to 15 people.

Pre-registration is required.

Call (808) 985-6011 to register for this free program.

www.nps.gov/havo/